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Dr. W. A. Orton, member of the Federal Horticultural Board, Washington, D. C., will make a trip to Florida in January for the purpose of inspecting the various lines of work conducted under the auspices of the Federal Horticultural Board. Dr. Orton will pay special attention to the port quarantine work being carried on by the State Plant Board in collaboration with the Federal Horticultural Board.

Dr. Newell, Dr. Montgomery, Messrs. O'Byrne and Warner were in attendance at the hearing in Washington, D. C., before the Horticultural Board on December 20th, to consider the imposition of a quarantine or regulative measures intended to prevent the introduction of the Black-Fly into this country and particularly Florida. The Board will announce its decision in January. It is confidently expected that proper safeguards will be provided.

In December, Mr. L. R. Warner, Assistant Quarantine Inspector for the Plant Board at Key West, Fla., visited Cuba and the Bahamas collecting information on the Black-Fly.

Mr. George B. Merrill, Assistant Entomologist of the State Plant Board, Gainesville, Fla., has been advanced from the grade of Associate Member to that of Active Member in the American Association of Economic Entomologists. The honor was conferred upon Mr. Merrill in recognition of his work.

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## THE HABIT OF HORSE FLIES CHASING AUTOMOBILES

In the Review of Applied Entomology, VIII-B-6, p. 110, occurs a review of "A Contribution to Knowledge of the Tabanidae of Palestine", by Maj. E. E. Austin, in which occurs this statement; "Attention is directed to the pursuit of a fast traveling motor car by two species. This habit does not seem to have been previously recorded, though in Africa the attraction for *Glossina* of moving vehicles or animals has been noticed on more than one occasion." The phenomenon of Tabanids pursuing automobiles is often noticed here in Florida. Doubtless it is a manifestation of the primitive instinct of the chase common to those predaceous animals that pursue their prey. The Business Manager also states that, some years ago, he captured at one time, several dozen Tabanids trapt back of an open door at the rear of a coach, on a north-bound Florida East Coast Railway train that he boarded at Titusville, Fla. Had these flies mistaken the railway train for a big animal?